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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/625,398	Applicant(s) BOURASSA ET AL.	
	Examiner Stephen Gravini	Art Unit 3749	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 8-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 8-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Specification

The spacing of the lines of the specification is such as to make reading and entry of amendments difficult. New application papers with lines double spaced on good quality paper are required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 8 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Humbert (US 2,974,663).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humbert in view of Koch (US 5,842,464). Humbert is considered to disclose the claimed invention, as clearly anticipated above, except for the claimed soft pliable material, magnetized material, and transparent window. Koch, another hood, is considered to disclose a soft pliable material, magnetized material, and transparent window at column 5 lines 60-67 and column 4 lines 51-67 respectively wherein the disclosed molded plastic can be broadly and reasonably construed to be a soft pliable material in the field of endeavor claimed by the applicants because the disclosed plastic is molded which inherently anticipated pliability. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to combine the teachings of Humbert, with the soft pliable material, magnetized material, and transparent window, considered disclosed in Koch for the

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purpose of allowing a user a convenient and clear attachment for a hood extension to an existing application.

Claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humbert in view of Salem (US 2,623,516) in further view of Koch. Humbert is considered to disclose the claimed invention, as clearly anticipated above, except for the claimed peripheral flap made out of a rigid material having a front and two lateral sides and split at the corners between said front and said lateral sides as a means for folding. Salem, another hood, is considered to disclose peripheral flap made out of a rigid material having a front and two lateral sides and split at the corners between said front and said lateral sides as a means for folding at column 1 line 40 through column 2 line. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to combine the teachings of Humbert, with the peripheral flap made out of a rigid material having a front and two lateral sides and split at the corners between said front and said lateral sides as a means for folding, considered disclosed in Salem for the purpose of allowing a user to folding a rigid structure of removal or installation. Further more Humbert in view of Salem is considered to disclose the claimed invention, except for the claimed soft pliable material, magnetized material, and transparent window. Koch is considered to be obvious to one skilled in the art as discussed in the previous obviousness rejection and can be applied in this rejection.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to cancelled claims 1-7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

It should be noted that applicants claim only the improvement wherein the preamble of the claimed is construed to be an admission of what is old and well known.

Conclusion

An examination of this application reveals that applicant is unfamiliar with patent prosecution procedure. While an inventor may prosecute the application, lack of skill in this field usually acts as a liability in affording the maximum protection for the invention disclosed. Applicant is advised to secure the services of a registered patent attorney or agent to prosecute the application, since the value of a patent is largely dependent upon skilled preparation and prosecution. The Office cannot aid in selecting an attorney or agent.

Applicant is advised of the availability of the publication "Attorneys and Agents Registered to Practice Before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office." This publication is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Gravini whose telephone number is 571 272 4875. The examiner can normally be reached on normal weekday business hours (east coast time).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ira S. Lazarus can be reached on 571 272 4877. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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